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# Phrase made famous by Nazis appears on Packard Plant

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*Detroit* — "Arbeit macht frei" (work makes you free) — three of the most chilling words ever written — has been posted on the overpass of the mostly abandoned Packard Plant [↗](#) on the city's east side.

The phrase is a shocking and mocking reference to the infamous words posted over the entrance ways to a number of Nazi concentration camps during World War II, including Auschwitz, the horrific camp set up in Poland [↗](#).

It's unknown just who erected the signs on the massive and graffiti-scarred Packard plant on East Grand Boulevard near Mount Elliot.

The plant has become one of the city's largest eyesores. It was built by the luxury [↗](#) automaker, which went out of business in 1958.

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